



NHANES 2003-2004 Data Release Contents



This document contains information on files that are part of the 2003-2004 NHANES data release. The data files are in SAS transport file format and have been separated to facilitate faster access over the Internet. As noted below, several files are only available through the NCHS Research Data Center due to data sensitivity or confidentiality. The following tables describe all of the NHANES 2003-2004 data files that have been released. The following definitions describe the columns in each of the tables:

- **Contents:** a short description of the contents of a file.
- **Release Date:** date the file was released to the public on the Internet.
- **File Name:** the name of the file containing general descriptive text about a component or group of components.
- **Data File:** the name of the SAS transport file containing the actual data.
- **Documentation File:** the name of the file containing the complete descriptive documentation, and codebook with frequency distribution for the relevant exam component, laboratory tests, or questionnaire section.
- **Questionnaire File:** the name of the file containing the questionnaire instrument that was administered to the individual survey participant (SP), family, or household for the relevant questionnaire section.
- **Procedures File:** the name of the file containing the MEC examination procedures for the relevant exam component.



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Table 1. General Files

General	Contents	Release Date	File Name
	Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	November 2005	nhanes03_04faqs.htm
	Survey Contents	November 2005	comp3.pdf
	Data Release Contents	December 2005	filelist_c.pdf
	Documentation Contents	November 2005	nhanes_2003_2004_codebook_description.pdf
	Analytic Guidelines	November 2005	analytic_guidelines.htm
	General Data Release Documentation	November 2005	general_data_release_doc_03-04.pdf
	Release Notes	November 2005	release_notes03_04.pdf



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Table 2. Demographics Files

Demographics	Contents	Release Date	File Name	Data File	Documentation File	Questionnaire File
	Demographics Variable List	November 2005	vardemo_c.pdf			
	Demographics	November 2005		demo_c.xpt	demo_c.pdf	sp_demo_c.pdf

Table 3. Examination Files

Examination	Contents	Release Date	File Name	Data File	Documentation File	Procedures File
	Examination Variable List	December 2005	varexam_c.pdf			
	Merge Code Example	November 2005	mergecode_example_c.pdf			
	Body Measurements	November 2005		bmx_c.xpt	bmx_c.pdf	BM.pdf
	Balance	December 2005		bax_c.xpt	bax_c.pdf	BA.pdf
	Blood Pressure	December 2005		bpx_c.xpt	bpx_c.pdf	PE.pdf



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Examination	Contents	Release Date	File Name	Data File	Documentation File	Procedures File
	LED – Ankle Brachial Pressure Index	December 2005		lexab_c.xpt	lexab_c.pdf	LE.pdf
	LED - Peripheral Neuropathy	December 2005		lexpn_c.xpt	lexpn_c.pdf	LE.pdf
	Vision	December 2005		vix_c.xpt	vix_c.xpt	VI.pdf

Table 4. Questionnaire

Questionnaire	Contents	Release Date	File Name	Data File	Documentation File	Procedures File
	Audiometry	December 2005	auq_c.pdf	auq_c.xpt	auq_c.pdf	sp_auq_c.pdf
	Balance	December 2005	baq_c.pdf	baq_c.xpt	baq_c.pdf	sp_baq_c.pdf
	Physical Activity	December 2005	paq_c.pdf	paq_c.xpt	paq_c.pdf	sp_paq_c.pdf mi_paq_c.pdf
	Physical Activity Individual Activities File	December 2005	paqiaf_c.pdf	paqiaf_c.xpt	paqiaf_c.pdf	sp_paq_c.pdf mi_paq_c.pdf



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Questionnaire	Contents	Release Date	File Name	Data File	Documentation File	Procedures File
	Physical Functioning	December 2005	pfq_c.pdf	pfq_c.xpt	pfq_c.pdf	sp_pfq_c.pdf
	Vision	December 2005	viq_c.pdf	viq_c.xpt	viq_c.pdf	sp_viq_c.pdf